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1. During the period from 5 April 1949 to 17 March 1950 there were 2000 Trudovaks in the Kutsiyan coal mine at Pernik, working in three eight-hour shifts of 400 men each. There was a quota of 15 tons of coal per man per eight-hour shift; slower workers had to work into the next shift until their quotas were fulfilled.
2. In January 1951 one of the two uranium mines at Buhovo was closed. This was the mine producing the light grey ore. The other mine, producing a brown ore is reportedly soon to be closed. The ore in this mine is being taken from a depth of 2000 meters and is like stone.
3. During the period from 18 March 1950 to January 1951 approximately 1000 Trudovaks and 1000 civilians were employed in the two Buhovo mines, working three shifts with 300 Trudovaks and 300 civilians on each shift. Groups of 3 civilians and 3 Trudovaks had norms of 7 to 9 300-kilogram wagons of ore. The work was administered by about 100 Russian engineers and the mines were strictly protected by the militia.
4. The workers are equipped with rubber clothing, spectacles, and iron helmets. The Trudovaks received 200 grams of milk every morning.
5. Uranium ore is also being extracted from mines in the vicinity of Seslavtsi.

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